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In October 1953 the Askaniawerek at Teltow shipped three automatic ocean depth recording instruments to Warnemünde. They took about eight months to build. The instruments, each contained in a tar-covered drum, when packed for transport were suspended on spiral springs in cases. They reached Warnemünde in good condition, but the workmen, who had to take the drums to the port, simply rolled them. This made the apparatus completely unserviceable. The Soviet commission refused to accept them and the Askania Works has to build three new ones. The workmen who handled the drums have been arrested. The VEB Askania must pay a conventional fine.

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